[6th August 1954

Opening of new elementary schools in South Kanara district.

* 1118 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered prohibiting the opening of new elementary schools or the employment of additional teachers in the existing schools by the South Kanara District Board;

(*b*) if so, why; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to provide schools for the schoolless villages in the educationally backward Malanad areas in accordance with the answer given to starred question No. 1097 on 27th July 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) While passing orders on the Elementary Education Budget of the South Kanara District Board for 1952–53, the Government asked the district board to defer proposals for the appointment of additional teachers in some of its elementary schools and for the opening of new schools in schoolless centres, as the district board did not have sufficient funds even to pay regularly the salaries of teachers in the existing schools and as the financial position of Government would not permit the payment of any special subsidy to the district board on such schemes. They have, however, permitted the district board to employ ten additional teachers as the President, District Board, represented that they were absolutely necessary.

" (*c*) The Government sanctioned the opening, in the year 1953–54 of four new elementary schools in Malanad area, South Kanara district, and three lower elementary schools were permitted to be converted into Higher Elementary schools. These schools were exempted from the efficiency tests regarding minimum attendance and standards."

Names of major and minor panchayats in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 1119 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of (1) major panchayats and (2) minor panchayats in Vriddhachalam taluk; and

(*b*) the strength of each panchayat board?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" Under the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950, panchayats have been classified as classes I and II which roughly correspond to 'Major' and 'Minor' under the former Madras Local Boards Act, 1920. A statement[a] showing the names and strength of class I and class II panchayats in the Vridhachalam taluk of the South Arcot district is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 82 infra.